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ON EMBARGO

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1. PRINCIPAL STORY IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS AUG 16
(PREVIOUS DAY WAS PRESS HOLIDAY) IS CONFERENCE COMMITTEE'S
ACTION ON ARMS EMBARGO. MOST PAPERS GIVE EMPHASIS TO
POSITIVE ELEMENTS OF COMMITTEE'S AGREED TEXT, I.E.,
THEIR INTERPRETATION THAT EMBARGO IS NOT BEING LIFTED
UNCONDITIONALLY. TYPICAL HEADLINES ARE "CONDITIONS
FOR LIFTING EMBARGO REMAIN" (RIGHTWING AGON) AND

"CONDITIONS ON CARTER FOR EMBARGO" (PRO-GOVERNMENT ELEFTHERI KYPROS). IN TEXT OF STORIES, THERE IS EVIDENT CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER CONDITIONS, SUCH AS REMOVAL OF TURKISH TROOPS AND RETURN OF REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES, MUST BE MET BEFORE EMBARGO IS LIFTED. THERE IS ALSO CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER CONTINUED ABEYANCE OF EMBARGO WILL BE DEPENDENT ON CONTENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S BIMONTHLY REPORTS TO CONGRESS. LEFTWING TA NEA DOES NOT REPORT ON COMMITTEE BILL DIRECTLY BUT PRINTS STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO TURKEY'S JUSTICE PARTY CHAIRMAN DEMIREL THAT EMBARGO XREMAINS IN EFFECT. EDITOR- IALLY, SEVERAL RIGHTWING PAPERS CONTINUE TO SPECULATE (REFTEL) THAT CONDITIONAL LIFTING OF EMBARGO SIGNALS NEW AND IM- PORTANT AMERICAN INITIATIVE TO FIND JUST SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. GOC SPOKESMAN HAS NOT YET COMMENTED ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEE'S ACTION.

2. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS FRONT PAGED CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DECISION, HIGHLIGHTING IN HALKIN SESI TURKISH MFA SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT, IN BOZKURT THAT COMMITTEE REPORT FAVORED HOUSE VERSION AND IN ZAMAN THAT "HEAVY CONDITIONS" HAD BEEN PLACED ON LIFTING EMBARGO.
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